

MSR Stakeholder Working Group

Los Alamitos/Seal Beach/Rossmoor/Sunset Beach Focus Area

March 24, 2004

Meeting Minutes

(Approved May 17, 2004)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting began shortly after 6:00 pm. All stakeholders were in attendance, except Bob Hendler of Sunset Beach Sanitary District

Facilitator asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak. There were no public comments.

II. Review Agenda and Desired Outcomes:

The facilitator explained the order of the meeting and the desired outcomes.

III. "Quality of Life" Working Group Member Presentations:

Working Group members had submitted their definitions of Quality of Life in writing prior to the meeting and elected not to devote time to presenting them again during the meeting.

IV. Identify Common Definition of Quality of Life

Based on the working group member's individual definitions of the quality of life, the group was asked to identify any elements the agencies and/or communities have in common. These common elements then might be used in the future to help the group decide among alternative approaches to addressing area planning issues. During the discussion, some of the working group members suggested that it would be less time consuming and more productive if LAFCO staff developed the measurements for each of the criteria. Another working group member suggested that the criteria should include both quantifiable and non-quantifiable components. Working group members agreed and LAFCO staff committed to develop criteria measurements that will be presented at the next meeting for review and consideration by the working group.

The working group identified the following criteria for which quantifiable measurements should be developed:

- Safety (i.e., policing activity, crime rate)
- Fiscal viability of service providers
- Parks

- Coastal areas
- Schools
- Public services
- Mobility (transportation)
- Housing stock (i.e., quality of housing, renter v. owner, continuity)
- Commercial areas (i.e., proximity, provision of goods, condition/quality, sales tax linkage)

Decision Point – LAFCO staff will develop quantifiable criteria in the areas identified by the working group and distribute to members for comment prior to the next meeting. *Adopted by consensus*

The working group discussed the non-quantifiable criteria for measuring the quality of life and identified the following characteristics:

- “Feel” of area
 - small town
 - family feel
- Citizens have greater access to governance
 - ordinary person can be heard
 - “span of control”
 - self-determination (empowerment)

The facilitator suggested that LAFCO staff work with the public representatives from the working group to develop a non-quantifiable collective definition of the quality of life for the entire WG’s consideration. No closure was achieved on this item.

V. “20-year Vision” Presentations

The 20-year vision presentations were submitted in writing prior to the meeting and were not discussed at the meeting.

VI. Confirm Macro Issues

The macro issues were confirmed by the Working Group as correctly stated during discussion under agenda item IV.

VII. Review Data Collection Approach:

The methodology for collecting and formatting the data was presented by Jennifer Christian and discussed. Suggestions were made by the Working Group regarding additional information that might be useful. A working group member requested LAFCO staff to prepare a matrix that lists the services provided to the area and the providers of those services.

VIII. Follow-up Action Items

LAFCO staff will distributed via email Quality of Life criteria in draft form to the working group members for comment. The email will be sent to the working group for comment prior to the next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting concluded near 8:30p.m.